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CREATION OF NATIONAL FUND FOR STRATEGIC AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently created a National Fund for strategic Agricultural Research;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing research work conducted under the Agricultural Research and Education would be a part of this new fund; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) The Union Government has sanctioned a scheme `the National Fund for Basic and Strategic Research in Agricultural Sciences`.

(b) The scheme `the National Fund for Basic and Strategic Research in Agricultural Sciences` has been sanctioned for strengthening basic and strategic research for development of technologies in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of Indian agriculture. The scheme was sanctioned during the financial year 2005-06 and a budget of Rs. 50 crore is provided during 2006-07. The scheme is operated and managed under the guidance of an Empowered committee with very Eminent Scientists.

(c) The existing research work conducted under the Agricultural Research & Education would be a part of this new scheme and further strengthen basic and strategic research.

(d) The scheme is a part of total budgetary support to the Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) from Government of India to strengthen basic and strategic research in priority areas of agricultural science covering agriculture, animal husbandry, fishery, natural resource management and others.